

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 105, Continuing Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10421–S10645

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4040–4048, and S. Con. Res. 78. **Page S10514**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3804, to combat online infringement. (S. Rept. No. 111–373)

Report to accompany S. 3650, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service. (S. Rept. No. 111–374)

H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species. (S. Rept. No. 111–375)

S. 1102, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–376)

S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–377)

S. 583, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 773, to ensure the continued free flow of commerce within the United States and with its global trading partners through secure cyber communications, to provide for the continued development and exploitation of the Internet and intranet communications for such purposes, to provide for the development of a cadre of information technology specialists to improve and maintain effective cybersecurity defenses against disruption.

S. 1274, to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2764, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2870, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes.

S. 2889, to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3481, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution.

S. 3566, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3597, to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, restoration, and research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10513–14**

Measures Passed:

Real Estate Jobs and Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 5901, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize the tax court to appoint employees, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10443–44**

Kerry (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4834, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10443–44**

Kerry (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4835, to amend the title. **Page S10444**

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. **Page S10444**

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act: Senate passed S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10444–51**

Kerry (for Johanns) Amendment No. 4836, to improve the bill. **Page S10447**

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5116, to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10451–52**

Bingaman (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4843, to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve competitiveness of the United States. **Page S10452**

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 105, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. **Pages S10492–93**

H.R. 5281 and H.R. 2965 House Messages—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, December 18, 2010, Senate resume consideration of the House Message with respect to H.R. 5281, and proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 5281; and if cloture is not invoked, there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled prior to the next vote with respect to the House Message with respect to H.R. 2965. **Page S10645**

Treaty with Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of Treaty Doc. 111–5, between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McCain/Barrasso Amendment No. 4814, to amend the preamble to strike language regarding the inter-

relationship between strategic offensive arms and strategic defensive arms. **Pages S10459–92**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the treaty at approximately 9 a.m., on Saturday, December 18, 2010. **Page S10645**

Diaz and Hollander Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Saturday, December 18, 2010, after the cloture votes with respect to the House Messages regarding H.R. 5281 and H.R. 2965, and notwithstanding Rule 22, if applicable, the Senate resume Executive Session and there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and the nomination of Ellen Lipton Hollander, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation in the order listed; further, that any time consumed during the votes and debate on the judges, count post-cloture, if applicable; and the Senate then resume legislative session. **Pages S10644–45**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan Richard Nelson, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Denise Jefferson Casper, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S10644–45**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2014.

James Xavier Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2016. **Page S10645**

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